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THE PALACE,
MYSORE.
15. 11. '8

My dear Mirza.
Thanks for sending me the Enclosed
In a way the Dewan's letter simplifies matters as he actually asks for orders about Mr. Banerji's proposals for art
Two points strike one as to these
(1) Mr Banerji, judging by his talk yesterday has by no means been induced to give up his proposal
(2) Why should things get out

a muddle if Mr. B & the
three other officers mean
what they say all
are agreed on a policy which
appears to me
to see it properly carried out.
V's statement is absurd.
V's state of mind
indicates a mind deranged.
He has never written me
a single letter counselling
me about anything. All I
have had from him [illegible]
is "Influenza Statistics"
However, my conscience
being perfectly clear, I am
not worried about his attitude
towards me. I am tired of him

this mood. He has never
confided me in any way,
or watched my confidence,
has always treated me
as a man to be suspected
not to be trusted. On this
score I prefer his attitude.
In his case, as I am not
obliged to play his hypocrite

No doubt Mr. B will
let me know the result of
his interview to day &
whether his "free hand" is
still going to be interfered
with.

Yours

R. Clarence